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### **Washington state House budget is released**

**More for higher education, less for financial aid than Senate**

The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee approved its version of the state 2005-07 operating budget on Wednesday.

Some highlights:

Like the Senate budget, the House proposal would increase tuition each year by up to 7 percent at research universities, 6 percent at comprehensive universities and The Evergreen State College, and 5 percent at community and technical colleges. The governor's budget would cap the annual increases at 5 percent for four-year institutions and 3 percent for the two-year colleges.

In the area of financial aid, the House budget would provide a smaller overall investment than that proposed by the Senate. However, it would finance a larger number of programs, including a pilot project to make part-time students eligible for the State Need Grant.

The House budget would increase State Need Grant funding by \$33.6 million during the two-year budget period, enough to adjust awards to keep pace with tuition increases and to fund increased enrollments. The governor's budget used the same approach as the House's, but both proposals are significantly less than the \$108.4 million Need Grant increase proposed by the Senate. Under the Senate SNG proposal, students would be eligible for grants if their family income did not exceed 70 percent of the state median. For a family of four, the cutoff would rise to approximately \$48,500 per year, compared with this year's level of about \$38,000. Currently, the Need Grant serves students whose family incomes are no more than 55 percent of the state's median.

The House proposal would boost the value of Promise Scholarships - to \$1,239 from the current \$1,176 – but would restrict eligibility to students from families who earn no more than 120 percent of the state's median family income. The scholarship is currently available to students whose families earn up to 135 percent MFI. For a family of four, the income threshold would be reduced from \$93,400 to \$83,000. The Senate budget would eliminate the Promise Scholarship (after allowing second-year grants to 2004 high school graduates), while Governor Gregoire called for a minor increase to the maximum Promise Scholarship award (\$1,200) with no change in eligibility.

In all three budget proposals, the State Work Study, Washington Scholars, and WAVE programs would be funded to keep pace with tuition increases. The House version, however, would reduce the number of Washington Scholars from three per legislative district to two.

Financial aid enhancements in the House proposal include: \$500,000 for part-time student financial aid (State Need Grant eligibility for students taking four or five credits); \$500,000 for the Future Teacher's Conditional Scholarship and Loan Repayment program; and \$150,000 for the Foster Care Endowed Scholarship program. None of these items was included in the Senate's or governor's proposals.

Once the full House has approved its budget, legislative leaders will attempt to negotiate a consensus package that could earn Governor Gregoire's approval.

The House's budget can be viewed online at:  
<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/APP/2005Budget.htm>.

## 2005-07 Budget Proposal Comparison

Program / Expenditure	House of Representatives Proposed Budget	Senate Proposed Budget	Governor's Proposed Budget
<b>Budgets based on tuition increases of:</b>	7% Research Universities 6% Comprehensives & TESC 5% Comm. and Tech. Colleges	7% Research Universities 6% Comprehensives & TESC 5% Comm. and Tech. Colleges	5% Four-year schools 3% Two-year schools
<b>State Need Grant</b>	\$33.6 million increase adjusts awards to keep pace with tuition increases and new enrollments.	\$108 million increase raises eligibility to 70 percent MFI and accommodates tuition increases and new enrollments.	\$23.1 million increase adjusts awards to keep pace with tuition increases.
<b>State Work Study</b>	\$3.1 million to keep pace with tuition increases.	\$2.9 million to keep pace with tuition increases and partially restore to historic service level.	\$2.8 million to keep pace with tuition increases.
<b>Promise Scholarship</b>	Individual awards increased from \$1,176 to \$1,239. Eligibility limited to 120% MFI.	Eliminated.	Individual awards increased from \$1,176 to \$1,200.
<b>Washington Scholars and WAVE</b>	Number of Scholars recipients reduced from three per legislative district to two. \$600,000 increase maintains awards at 100 percent of tuition.	\$614,000 increase maintains awards at 100 percent of tuition.	\$400,000 increase maintains awards at 100 percent of tuition.
<b>Enrollments (over 2 yrs):</b>			
<b>Four-year general</b>	4,825	4,000 (70% reserved for CTC transfer students.)	2,858
<b>Two-year general</b>	5,125	3,143	3,443
<b>Four-year high demand</b>	0	0	200
<b>Two-year high demand</b>	0	977	100